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AN OPENING-CLOSING MEMBER OF	)	
A VEHICLE	)	

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Japanese reference 2003-41853 is cited in the specification.

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	*NOBUHIKO TAKEDA et al., "OPENING AND CLOSING CONTROL SYSTEM FOR OPENING-CLOSING MEMBER OF VEHICLE", 10/722,400, filed November 28, 2003.

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